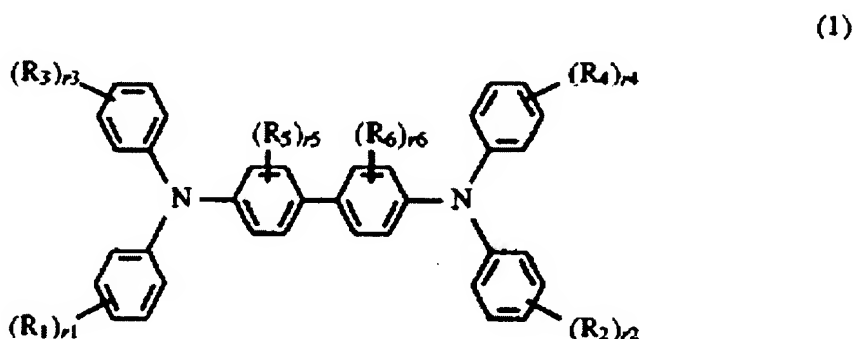


# REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain herein. Claims 1-4, 6 and 7 are amended. Claims 8-15 are new.

1. Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Nakaya U.S. Patent 5,792,557. The Office Action states that Nakaya discloses organic electroluminescent element comprising tetraaryldiamine derivatives such as formula (1) below.

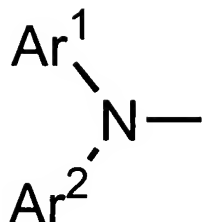


Claim 1 as now amended claims a linking group L that is terphenylene. Nakaya does not disclose or suggest such compounds including such a linking group. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

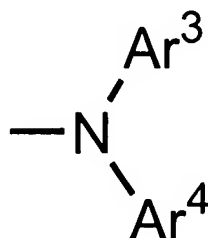
New claim 8 claims An aromatic amine derivative represented by following general formula (1):



wherein A represents a diarylamino group represented by:



B represents a diarylamino group represented by:



Ar<sup>1</sup> to Ar<sup>4</sup> each independently representing a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 50 nuclear atoms, and the two diarylamino groups represented by A and B being not the same, wherein at least one of Ar<sup>1</sup> to Ar<sup>4</sup> comprises a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group, anthranyl group, phenanthryl group, prenyl group, chrysenyl group, fluoranthenyl group, and fluorenyl group.


Nakaya also fails to disclose or suggest the compounds claimed in claim 8 because Nakaya appears not to disclose any example wherein at least one of Ar<sup>1</sup> to Ar<sup>4</sup> is a condensed aromatic ring. Thus, allowance of claims 8-15 is respectfully requested.

For all of the foregoing reasons, all claims 1-15 are now fully in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge or credit any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendments

would be desirable in placing this application in even better condition for issue, she is invited to telephone applicant's undersigned representative.

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